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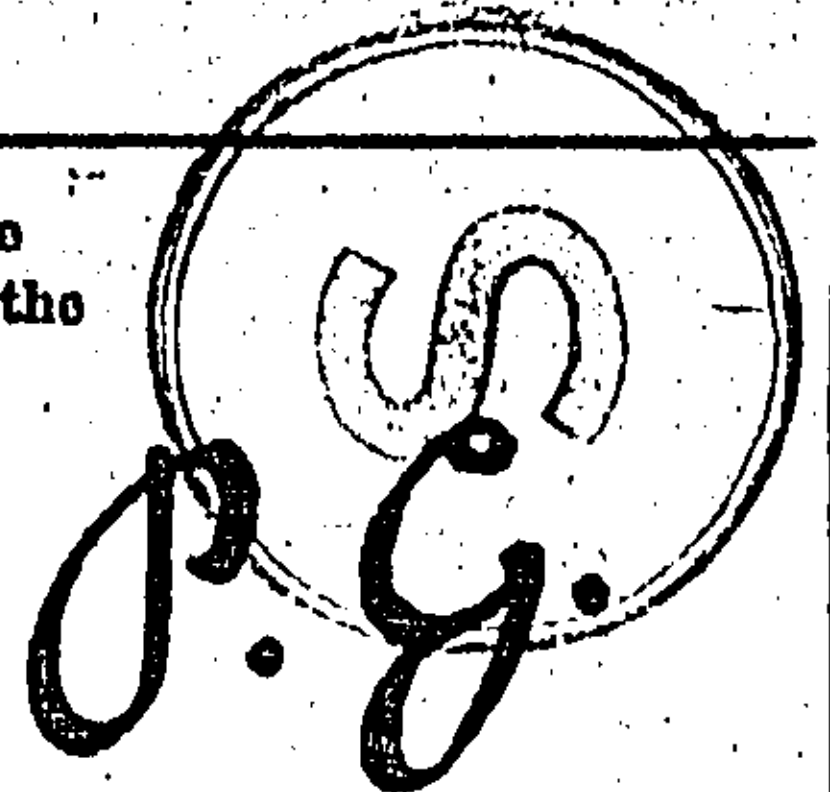
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## Western Germany May Be Unified

### Boy Shoots His Sister

"SHE WAS ALWAYS  
NAGGING ME"

Las Animas, Colorado, Dec. 16.—Twelve-year-old Jimmy Melton confessed he killed his 16-year-old sister, Marie, with a shot from a .22 calibre rifle as she sat in the holly and mistletoe decorated living room because "I did not like her. She was always nagging me."

He said he played truant from school to work early to-day draft proposals which he might tentatively advance to the Frenchman for the merger of the French zone with the Anglo-American zones, now that the four-power organization of all Germany has been ruled out, for the immediate future at least, by the breakdown of the Big Four talks here.

He said: "I sneaked into the bedroom and got the rifle. Then I opened the door a crack and saw Marie sitting on the couch. She did not notice me as I poked the rifle through the doorway. The first shot hit her in the shoulder and she fell down. Then I ran into the room and fired four more shots that hit her in the face and chest."—United Press.

### SEEKS JAPAN AIR SERVICE

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—Pan American World Airways announced it has asked the Civil Aeronautics Board for permission to operate a domestic air service in Japan.

The proposed service would connect the main islands of Japan. It would link with Pan American's world route which serves Tokyo on the service from San Francisco to Calcutta. The proposed Japanese domestic service would branch out from Tokyo.

To the north it would link Tokyo, Sendai and Hachinohe, with Hokkaido Island. The terminal would be at Chitose. A southern route would connect Honshu Island with Kyushu by way of Nagoya, Osaka and other points. The terminal would be Kanoya. Additional proposed routes on Honshu would serve Niigata and Kanazawa.—Associated Press.

### EDITORIAL

#### Soviet Currency Reform

IN a world bloated from inflated currencies, Soviet Russia's devaluation of the rouble is of profound significance and carries with it something of a challenge. A variety of constructions can be placed on this reform, the majority of which would, in part, represent the cause and the anticipated effects of the measure. Unquestionably Russia is seriously burdened with inflation, and this dramatic devaluation is intended to go some way towards relieving the situation. It is also fairly plain that the Soviet authorities have become concerned over extensive black market operations (known as the "commercial price") and are seeking to eliminate these activities. Thirdly, the reform appears to be aimed at stabilising prices at such a level that the workers can hope for lower living costs. Whether the decrees will succeed in their designs is a question unanswerable at this stage. The fact that the Kremlin can impose them without giving a thought to international financial reactions is indicative of the unique position in which Russia has placed herself: it is, for example, unthinkable of Britain devaluing the pound sterling without parallel or compensatory action being taken by other nations who are partners in international finance. An one commentator has observed, the Soviet Union has actually repudiated its own currency, and in such an arbitrary manner as to be without prece-

## TENTATIVE PLANS Three-Zone Merger Proposed

London, Dec. 16.—The United States, Britain and France worked on tentative plans for economic consolidation of Western Germany preparatory to exploratory conversations on Tuesday night. French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault said he would accept a merger with the three zones provided it is profitable to France.

High diplomatic informed sources said that the American Secretary of State, George C. Marshall, will begin with French Foreign Minister Georges Bidault tonight the first of a series of western power talks on the unification of western Germany.

The informed sources said that Mr Marshall set his staff of German advisers to work early to-day drafting proposals which he might tentatively advance to the Frenchman for the merger of the French zone with the Anglo-American zones, now that the four-power organization of all Germany has been ruled out, for the immediate future at least, by the breakdown of the Big Four talks here.

M. Bidault at a news conference said "there will be conversations to see where we stand on western Germany in the near future. This is only one aspect of the entire German question," the French official said. "But we (the three western powers) must find some way of settling along."

The American delegation held a special meeting to discuss problems arising from the collapse of the Big Four conference.

Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov and his aides departed for home. Deputies of the four foreign ministers scheduled a meeting for tomorrow to begin what may be their last joint effort to write a treaty for European peace and independence, official American informed sources said.—Associated Press.

#### REPORT ON BREAKDOWN

Washington, December 16.—President Truman has received a full report from Mr Marshall, Secretary of State, on the breakdown of the London Foreign Ministers' conference, the White House disclosed tonight.

President Truman's press secretary said that the President has been in contact by cable with Mr Marshall.

Despite these official declarations, usually well-informed quarters in London believed that the three Ministers may meet tomorrow to make immediate decisions on the future of Western Germany, writes Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent.

#### MERGER POSSIBLE

Asked whether France will join the other two western zones, M. Bidault said today that a merger was possible but not inevitable or imperative.

"There may be a merger which is profitable for France and one which is not. I will choose the profitable one," he declared.

The treaty, between the three western powers for the disarmament of Germany had not yet been discussed, he said, but such a long-term guarantee was of major importance to France.

## Chinese Ship In Distress

San Francisco, Dec. 16.—The Globe Wireless today said that its Manila station heard a distress message from an unidentified Chinese ship saying it needed "immediate assistance" after running aground on Yoron Jima in the Ryukyu Islands.

The ship, identified only by its call letters, said the engine room was flooded.

The steamship Nippon Maru reported it was en route to the scene but it would be ten hours before it could arrive. The distressed vessel asked any closer ships to give assistance.—United Press.

## Committee Proposes Interim Aid Cuts

### MISGIVINGS ABOUT PROGRAMME

Washington, Dec. 16.—The House Appropriations Committee today submitted to the House a bill which would cut US\$88,000,000 from the amount Congress authorized for emergency foreign aid and more than US\$260,000,000 from the Army's request for American-occupied areas.

The Committee offered a supplemental appropriation bill which (1) provides US\$500,000,000 stop-gap aid or 15 percent less than yesterday's authorization of relief for France, Italy, Austria and China; and (2) provides only US\$230,000,000 of the US\$490,000,000 requested by the Army for relief Military Government operations in Germany, Japan, Korea and Austria, or 25 percent less.

The Committee expressed misgivings about the soundness of the foreign relief programme.

The supplemental appropriation bill sent to the House today carried a total of US\$772,504,000, of which US\$500,000,000 was for emergency aid, US\$230,000,000 for the Army and the balance for other foreign operations.

#### NO PROVISION FOR CHINA

The Committee did not provide funds for aid to China in its bill, although such aid was authorised in the measure at present awaiting President Truman's signature. The Committee said it did not see fit to provide any money for Chinese aid on the grounds that no programme had been submitted for China.

As for aid to France, Italy and Austria, the Committee said, "While the Committee is far from convinced that the programme is sound or that it will be efficiently administered, it does recognise the need to be met and that the present bill offers the only opportunity to provide such assistance as the United States may be in a position to render and has therefore determined to approve the programme in its basic form with certain exceptions heretofore explained."

Of US\$88,000,000 reduction, US\$60,000,000 was taken from the amount intended for France and US\$28,000,000 from the amount intended for Italy.

The largest portion of the Military Government request was intended for food in the British Zone of Germany. Under the bilateral agreement, the United States and Britain were to bear equal costs of feeding the population in the two zones. But because of the status of the British finances, the Army asked for funds to take over the greater share of feeding in the British Zone.

#### "NOT SATISFIED"

The Committee allowed only US\$100,000,000 out of US\$287,000,000 requested for that purpose, saying it was "not satisfied" with the facts developed that there is a proper basis for the appropriation of funds requested for taking over the cost of feeding in the British Zone of Germany to the extent requested.

The Committee contended that the cornerstone of economic recovery in Europe was a "stable monetary system." It said that unless European governments made efforts toward stabilising their money systems, it would be impossible to achieve economic recovery.

## Indonesian Allegation Of Dutch Threat

### SUSPICIOUS ATMOSPHERE FOR PEACE TALKS

Batavia, Dec. 16.—Sufficient Dutch troops were massing in forward positions in Java to constitute a threat to the Republican capital of Jogjakarta, Amir Sjarifuddin, the Indonesian Republican Prime Minister, declared today.

He was speaking on board the U.S. Navy transport Renville, the vessel on which the Dutch-Indonesian peace negotiations under United Nations mediation, are taking place, in Batavia harbour.

He was unable to say whether the presence of Dutch troops was meant as a threat to Jogjakarta, he added, but it certainly gave the impression that something might happen in the near future.

The Indonesian Prime Minister said that he agreed with an appeal for support made today by the Republican Socialist Party to Socialists throughout Asia.

A Netherlands East Indies Government spokesman later emphatically denied that there was any concentration of Dutch troops threatening Jogjakarta.

There was no question of any new Dutch move against the Republican capital, he said.

#### SHOTS AT DELEGATES

The Netherlands New Agency reported today from the West Java capital of Bandung that "extremists" had shot at delegates from the districts of Tasik Malaya and Tjiamis while they were on their way to the West Java Conference at which Indonesians, prepared to co-operate with the Dutch, were expected to seek a separate state or autonomous status for the 12,000,000 Sundanese people formerly in the Republic.

About 25 Indonesians, including some former members of the Republican Army, were temporarily arrested when they demonstrated outside the Conference hall.

Amir Sjarifuddin said that the Indonesian Republic would have to raise the West Java question with the Security Council's good offices committee if a new state was formed.

The Indonesian Prime Minister endorsed the remarks made earlier by Dr Mohamed Roem, the Republican Minister of the Interior, that the Republican Government would ask the United Nations to conduct a plebiscite in "Dutch-created Indonesian states" if the present conciliation efforts failed.

#### DUTCH ACCUSATION

Tuanku Dato' communications accused the Republican Government of trying to obstruct and retard the negotiations while strengthening its own economic position.

Members of the good offices commission considered that separate discussions with the Dutch and Indonesian delegations were proving the most fruitful way of settling the dispute. (Continued on Page 4)

## Soon We Shall Know What Happened

London, Dec. 16.—The Secretary of War, Mr Emanuel Shinwell, expects that British official war despatches relating to operations in the Far East during the earlier part of the war would start being published about the middle of January.

Those relating to the loss of Singapore and the Malay Peninsula should reach their turn for publication within the following four or five weeks, he added.

Mr Shinwell gave these facts in a reply to a question in the House of Commons today.—Reuter.

## ARCHBISHOP REPUDIATES HIS DEAN

London, December 16.—The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Geoffrey Fisher, today issued a statement dissociating himself and the Church of England with the "actions and utterances" of 73-year old "Red" Dean of Canterbury, Dr Hewlett Johnson.

Dr Fisher declared that it was necessary because of the "widespread misunderstandings and misconceptions both on the continent and in the United States, liable to affect relations of the Church of England with foreign churches and countries," to make clear the position of Dr Johnson, well-known for his championing of the cause of Russia and her satellites.

"It has been supposed that the Dean of Canterbury must necessarily be acting on the instructions of the Archbishop of Canterbury and representing his views," Dr Fisher said.

#### REPEATS WARNING

"I find it necessary therefore to repeat the warning given by Archbishop Lang in 1937, when the Dean was publicly rebuked after he had violently denounced General Franco in a speech at Strasbourg."

"The Dean's office and jurisdiction in this country does not extend beyond the confines of the Cathedral body of which he is head. Outside of those limits, he speaks and acts only for himself; the Archbishop of Canterbury is neither responsible for what the Dean may say or do nor has the power to control it."

"In view of the special and worldwide associations which surround the name of Canterbury, it is necessary to make the position quite clear."

Last October, Dr Johnson returned from a nine week tour of eastern Europe to say that he was deeply impressed with the need to tell the people of Britain and the United States the truth about what was happening in those "splendid new worlds."—Reuter.

## Millionaire Backing Air Expedition To W. China

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Milton Reynolds, millionaire aviation enthusiast, announced plans today for an air expedition into western China to search for an uncharted mountain range and to seek solutions to other scientific mysteries.

Reynolds, who sponsored two record-breaking round-the-world flights, said the expedition would be conducted jointly by his company and the Boston Museum of Science. It would consist of 10 scientists and 10 technicians and would leave Chicago before January 1.

The flight will be made in a specially constructed four-engine C-37 capable of cruising at 25,000 feet. William P. Odum, who piloted the planes on the global flights, will pilot on the expedition.

Final arrangements for the expedition were completed on Monday by Reynolds and Terrie Moore, President of the Boston Museum, and Bradford Washburn, world-famed explorer and director of the museum.

would search for the uncharted mountain range, reported by wartime "hump" pilots and would also attempt to discover:

Firstly, whether the Yellow River gorge is the greatest in the world;

Secondly, the source of the Yellow River;

Thirdly, the geological origin of the uncharted mountain range;

Fourthly, whether the region was covered by ice during the ice age;

Fifthly, the altitudes of the major peaks in the unexplored area that are believed to reach 14,000 to 25,000 feet.

Reynolds said the expedition would also attempt to photograph the mysterious Lake Kokonor from the air.

Besides Washburn, Reynolds and Odum, invitations to participate in the expedition have been sent to Prof. Walter McKay, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's department of aeronautics; Prof. Richard P. Goldsworty, of the geology department of Ohio State University; and Mr. Grant Ross, technician from the Boston University optical research laboratory.

The expedition will be based at Chengtu, China, and is expected to cover approximately 50,000 miles.—United Press.



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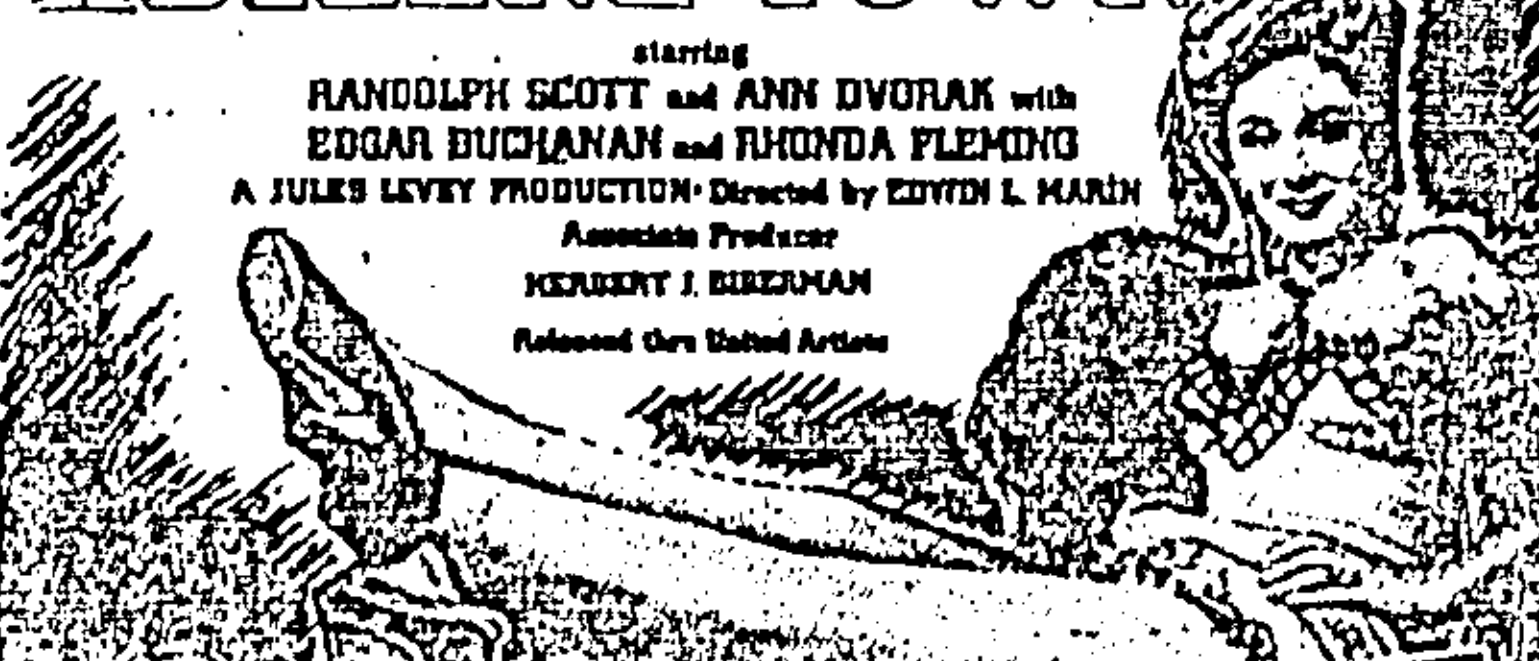


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# Sitting on the Fence

by **NATHANIEL  
GUBBINS**

How To Endure Women is the subject of the sermon today. Later on, if you are good, you may learn from this column How To Endure Children and How To Endure Dogs. But for now it will be women.

IN that part of the world which is called civilised, there are only three places where you can avoid women—the club, the monastery, and the grave.

Even a bachelor, living in a bachelor flat, has to put up with the occasional visit of a char who comes to tidy up and hide everything he wants.

Therefore you must make the best of a woman-infested world during what H. G. Wells believed to be its last days.

Although, by their odd behaviour, they have forfeited all rights to protective gallantry, they still expect it. Having divested themselves of the graces peculiar to women they still feel entitled to the small services and courtesies which were once tributes to the charms some of them no longer possess.

So what is happening? I'll tell you.

At one time evenings were set aside for the entertainment of women. They were known as Ladies' Nights and you didn't mind, for once, waiting on them and putting yourself out to please them.

Now, as women dominate almost every social scene, wherever it is laid every night is a ladies' night. And every morning or afternoon is a ladies' morning or afternoon. The result is that men who are not members of clubs or are not monks or dead men, spend most of their leisure hours fumbling for matches to light women's cigarettes, giving up seats to them, fussing over them and keeping the conversation clean.

And the result of this may be a mass nervous breakdown among the men of this so-called civilisation.

## In the pub

THERE you are with a couple of men friends drinking modestly and happily.

The landlord is leaning over the counter joining in the talk. It is not very clever talk, but it is cosy and full of laughter. You hand round cigarettes when your turn comes, the same as you buy a half-pint round when your turn comes.

You are not obliged to light anybody's cigarette, but you do if you happen to strike a match to light your own. You can sit on a stool or a chair without feeling obliged to jump up for anybody.

You are at peace. You are relaxed. The cares of the day are forgotten.

THEN there is the sound of women's voices, shrill and squeaky. The landlord stiffens a little. You wriggle on your stool. Your friends stop talking and look uneasily at each other.

The little party is over. If the women are strangers it's not so bad. Probably you have only to give up your seat and keep quiet.

If there are a few women and plenty of seats you have nothing to do but keep your mouth shut and listen.

But if the women are known to you and they bring in friends who are introduced, then it would be better if you made some excuse and went home.

Otherwise this is what will happen to you.

You will rise from your stool and offer it to one of the women, even if there are enough stools to go round.

It is not considered polite to sit in the presence of these wonderful superior beings.

If she accepts the seat, which she will do anyway, you can go and get another. But the moment this woman rises, or any of her friends rise, you will have to rise too.

The women, having accepted drinks, will then fumble in their handbags for cigarettes. At least half of them won't have any, so you will be obliged to provide those also.

This didn't matter much at one time, but with the present price of cigarettes it becomes a burden even to the most generous of men.

As it is an accepted thing that women are too weak to strike matches, and would never have any of their own even if they were strong enough to strike them, you can now resign yourself to an evening of watching the ends of cigarettes to see if they are lit, or have gone out, and leaping to your feet every two or three minutes with a match in your hand.

Maybe your friends will share these duties with you, but they

can't relieve you of the nervous anxiety.

You are always on the watch to see if they are doing the job and they are always on the watch to see if you are.

So you are like a lot of jacks-in-the-box jumping up and down and trying to listen to conversation until the merciful landlord throws everybody out.

THE most irritating aspect of this most unhappy business is that the women know they have spoiled their evening and are glad they have spoiled it.

If you can't be happy paying tribute (with matches and St Vitus's dance) to their beauty, charm and wit you have no right to be happy at all.

## At a party

YOU rather expect to be a match-striking jack-in-the-box at a party, however much you may resent it in a pub.

Homes and hotels were intended for polite social intercourse between the sexes. Pubs were not. Two world wars have made them what they are today.

At a party you will find you are not only expected to light cigarettes and jump up and down every time a woman jumps up and down. You are also expected to feed them with sandwiches and little bits of things on toast. At hotel parties they hire waiters to do it, but women much prefer to see men guests running about with trays, tripping over rugs and banging in to each other.

This is regarded as a further tribute to their wit, beauty and charm, though only women can see why.

WHILE you are watching for unlighted cigarettes, watching to see if any woman is standing, watching to see if any sitting woman is likely to stand, or going out of the room so that you can open the door for her; or while you are watching to see if any woman's glass is empty, or any woman wants to put down an empty glass, or stub out a cigarette, or even while you are watching to see if any woman's jaws have stopped working on a sandwich so that you can leap for a tray to get her another, you are also expected to know all about the world situation and discuss it intelligently.

You are supposed to know what Stalin is up to, why Vyssinsky is so rude to everybody, what President Truman thinks about it, and who Mr Attlee is going to fire next.

If you say, quite truthfully, that you don't know anything about these matters at all, you are either regarded as a boor or as a spy in the pay of a foreign Government and therefore afraid to talk.

AS women are also incapable of getting cabs, of looking up trains, and knowing when the last bus leaves, quite apart from being too weak to strike matches—and open doors, it is your job to run out into the night and watch for cabs, your job to telephone the station, yours to know by telepathy about the buses.

And I hope you have had an enjoyable evening.

I SEE now that I haven't told you how to endure women after all. But if H. G. Wells was right you won't have to endure them much longer. That's the only consolation I can offer.

POCKET CARTOON  
by OSBERT LANCASTER

"Of course, the Lords are out-dated now—why they don't even get no salary."

BY THE  
WAY

by Beachcomber

IN view of the startling success of the nationalisation of the mines, why not nationalise schedules? Would not this make it easier to Stag-gate them?

To settle this matter, a Fact-Finding Committee (free travel, free food, free clothes, free entertainment, all expenses paid) has been appointed, and will report the facts it has found not later than August, 1950. Suet has suggested that in order to study things on the spot, the Committee should begin by making an extensive good will tour of the Bahamas, Portugal, South Africa and Chile. If it is found that the time is not yet ripe for Nationalisation of Schedules, the Stagging will at once be put on hold, beginning with overall priority personnel.

Cary Grant as Rubens

HOLLYWOOD is growing weary of films about great composers and musicians, partly because you always have to have George Sand in them. It is to be painters now. But George Sand can't be flung off as easily as this. I would like to see her with Alan Ladd as Wattens, or with Cary Cooper as Reynolds. "Have, Madame Suet, come in." "Gee, now, Josh, mong share." "Gee, my lady, I vow and perjest yew look swell...."

Why not freeze the pool?

THE announcement that a miscalculation has resulted in the mislaying of £25,000 in the convertible pool prompts me to ask whether the famous 74,000,000 dollars may not be included in that sum, whatever it was earmarked for, if earmarked it was, or not. It is all very well to talk of £63,000,000 worth of goods from the Argentine, but what if they represent in sterling credits and drafts on sterling debts? Forgive me for speaking bluntly, but I simply don't believe it. If the pool is prematurely frozen, we shall be skating on very thin money.

Seascope

Dull's picture shows a horse and five elephants all walking on stilts and carrying a nude on a pedestal, and a temple with a body bulging out of the entrance.

(Morning paper).

# It's Blackmail!

VINCENT EVANS

LONDON.  
I AM sick to death of the word "kroner." I have had two months listening to the Danes telling me what is wrong with Britain, why I am a blackmailer, and how wicked it is of Mr Strachey not to pay the prices they are asking us for their dairy produce.

Fantastic prices, Mr. Strachey called them. And I agree with him. They are prices we would pay in the black market. Britain must pay us these prices, I was told, or the Danes will have to find markets elsewhere.

When I had listened I told the Danes this: that, for six years, Britain had fought a war which had killed and maimed many thousands of young men, cost millions of pounds a day, and smashed our homes and factories.

## The Debt

I TOLD them, too, that all those countries which had come through the war pretty well unscathed, and which were now trying to hitch themselves into a seat on the freedom bandwagon which they missed in 1940, had a debt of honour to Britain.

Yes, yes, said the Danes; that is all true. We are grateful for the war you fought. But your argument is sentimental. It is not based on economics. You cannot assess a moral obligation in kroner. So what do they do? They turn round and offer us butter at 1s. a lb. more than they pay in their own homes.

And why do the Danes call me a blackmailer? Because I told them this: You are asking Britain to pay you prices we cannot afford, and which, in any case, are far higher than those that Australia and New Zealand are asking.

One of the main reasons why two normally friendly people are now slanging each other is that the Danes are quite hopelessly misinformed about conditions. For instance, one evening while I was talking at Aarhus University, an officially sponsored British lecturer in another part of the town was telling the Danes that the British man-in-the-street was mystified why we could not pay the prices the Danes were asking.

And Danish men and women, fed on the comparative plenty of our hotels, are now going back to Denmark with stories that there is no food shortage in Britain. And yet, with cheese, milk, and eggs rationed, and a formality of rationing on meat, they will tell you much about their own privations.

But this will tell you how serious these "privations" really are: I went into the Food Office at Slagelse and

told the food officer that my ration cards had expired a couple of days earlier. Could I have them renewed?

He was very sorry, but I couldn't. They had run out of ration cards, and I would have to come back in two days' time, when he hoped to have some more. But how, I protested, was I to go on in the meantime? "Oh," he replied, "you will get along all right."

And so indeed I did. Yes, the Danes are doing very nicely indeed.

## The Warning

WHEN you tell the Danes that their prices may result in their losing the British market they say blandly, "But the British Empire will never be at our own game." But there are, in fact, three points to which the Danes are going to have to pay a lot of attention pretty soon, or they will be beaten at their own game. They are these:—

1 PRODUCTION COSTS: These I have gone leaping up since the war. Farm men's wages have risen from £2 10s. to £8 10s. a week, and quite rightly in a skilled industry on which a country depends.

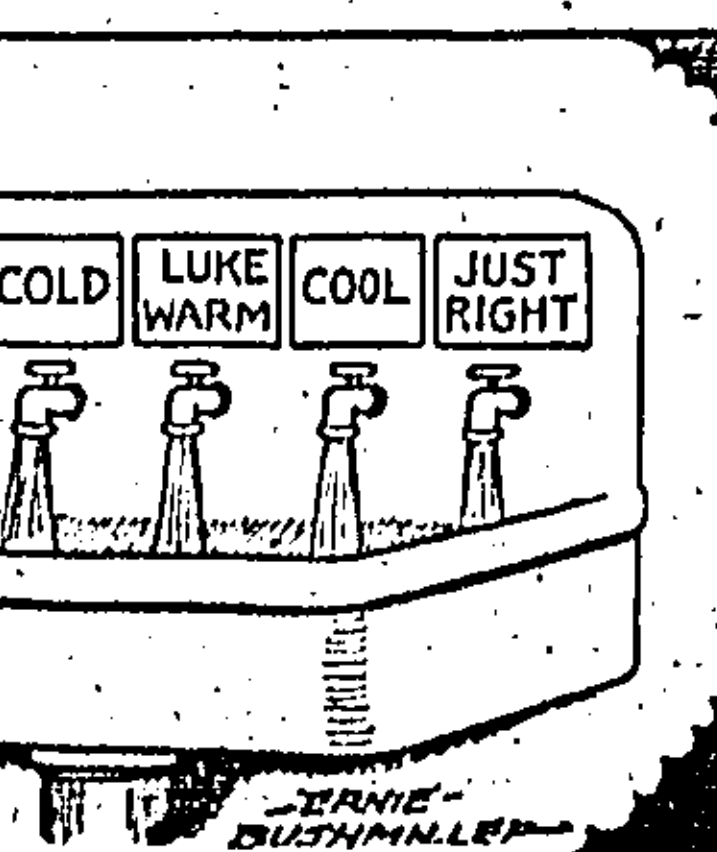
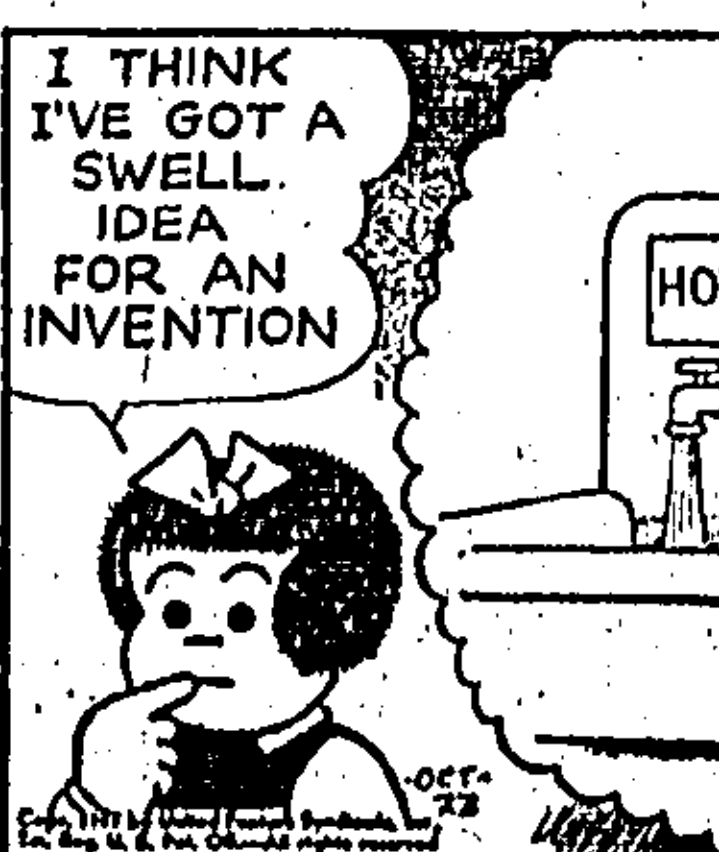
2 COMPETITION: Competition in Denmark has been kicked slap into the sea by the big co-operatives. Farmers have little incentive to cut their prices.

3 FEEDING-STUFFS: The Danes complain that they are having to pay expensive dollars for feeding-stuffs which they used to get from us. Quite true, but they also throw away the green, beet tops, which make fine feeding stuffs.

The Danes will probably tell me that their grandmother already knows how to suck eggs. My only comment is that I am delighted to note that, as a result of the recent agreement, we in Britain will have a few million more chances of learning the art.

NANCY A Brilliant Idea on Tap

By Ernő Bushmiller

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Not just food but the right food, is the foundation for health. Eating enough food will keep you going, but perhaps in a half-hearted, listless way. Radiant Health, buoyant Vitality, requires a digestive system which works properly, a smooth, regular heart-beat and good nerve tone to live energetically, which means an intelligent selection of food. The foods that you eat must contain all the essentials that the body needs and in the necessary amounts. Lack of any one may be felt in unpleasant ways.

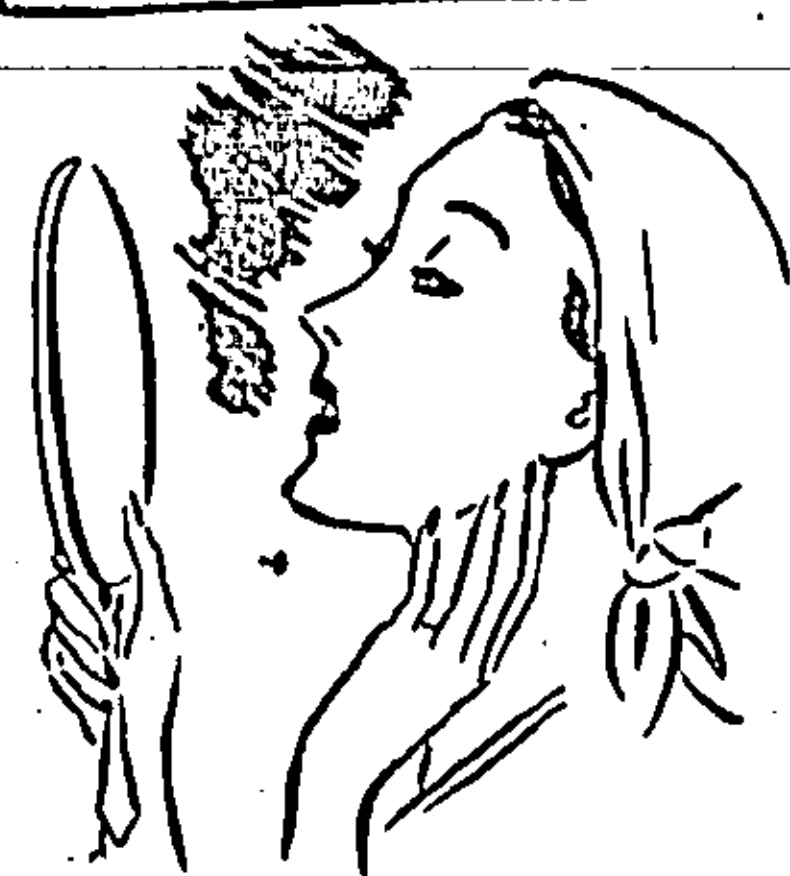
Minerals are valuable, but they are often overlooked when planning meals. Perhaps because we require only very small amounts of them tends to lessen our idea of their importance or we may take for granted that they are in all foods. But it is a fact that rather large amounts of most foods supply very small amounts of minerals. Learn to select foods for sufficient minerals just as you do for sufficient vitamins.

Minerals play a vital role in regulating body activities and making for energy and enthusiasm. The healthy functioning of the body, keeping the blood almost neutral, supplying the tissues with oxygen and removing carbon dioxide depend upon a sufficient supply of minerals.

We all know that any normal diet gives a fair proportion of our iron needs. To obtain 3.3 mg. of iron, which is one-third of the daily necessary total for the average person, the following amounts of iron-rich foods should be eaten—

Beef Liver—A piece 3½"x3½"x1"  
Molasses—3 tablespoonfuls.  
Beefsteak—A piece 3½"x3½"x1"  
Mutton chop—2 chops, ea. 1" thick.  
Oysters—12 medium size.  
Lettuce—22 large leaves.  
Raw Cabbage—56 tablespoonfuls, chopped.

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## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I was practicing 10 years before I earned as much as my son is making this year—he's a first-rate plumber though!"

## LANCASHIRE NEWSLETTER:

## MOLOTOV COCKTAILS MADE A BIKINI OF SOUTHPORT

BY A. CLARKE STOREY

A sheet of flame leaping 50 feet into the air, followed by a column of smoke which mushroomed out until it resembled a miniature Bikini Atom bomb explosion, attracted the attention of residents and passers-by in Scarabrick New Road, Southport, recently when nearly 100 "Molotov cocktails" were exploded in a field by the military authorities.

## "Cobber" Kain Relics At War Museum

A machine-gun from the first German aircraft (a Dornier 17) shot down by "Cobber" Kain is among the new air relics from the 1939-45 war recently placed on view at the Imperial War Museum, Lambeth.

Enticed on a photographic reconnaissance flight, the Dornier was attacked at 27,000 feet over Lubeck, France, on November 8, 1939, and was one of the first German bombers destroyed over the Continent. Flying Officer E. J. ("Cobber") Kain, D.F.C., a New Zealander, was estimated to have destroyed 25 enemy aircraft at the time of his death in a flying accident in June 1940.

Another of the new exhibits is the "scoreboard" of No. 254 Air Sea Rescue Unit, which operated in the Mediterranean from July, 1943 to August 1945. This is a propeller blade bearing the names of the unit's officers and launches, a list of decorations gained and bases of operation. Records are indicated by small painted reproductions of the national markings of the "ditched" aircraft. In 73 successful sorties, launches from the unit saved 315 Allied and enemy airmen.

## Near-Missed Illustrious

Other new items of air interest include a Vickers gun-operated machine-gun, a Bristol Hercules engine, one of the engine cylinders from a Japanese "suicide" aircraft that near-missed the aircraft carrier Illustrious during operations in the Pacific, and a model of the famous attack on Taranto harbour.

About half the area in the Museum dealing with the 1939-45 war is now devoted to the air. The exhibits range from a complete Spitfire which took part in the Battle of Britain to a German V2 rocket and flying bomb. There are also various items of aerial equipment which cannot yet be displayed owing to lack of space. The bulk of the material has been supplied from the extensive Air Force collection of war relics, which includes 33 complete aircraft.

## Moscow's War On Wolves

Moscow hunters have had considerable success in keeping the wolf from the door.

Large Russian wolves, which during the war multiplied in the Moscow area to the extent that they became a danger to livestock, came into the main streets of a suburban town near the capital, are now on the run.

Following a special decree of the Moscow Soviet last February, special hunting teams have been out on the trail of the grey thieves.

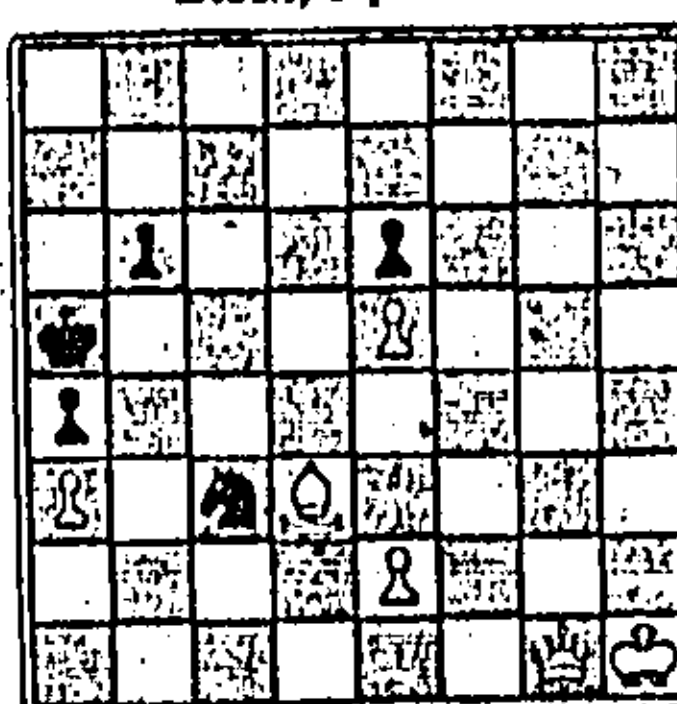
The damage being caused is shown by the fact that in one day recently 20 sheep were killed by wolves in one county in the Moscow region.—Associated Press.

## Check Your Knowledge

1. Who was Euclid?
2. What is the normal temperature of a dog?
3. Where are the Sierra Nevada Mountains located?
4. Name the most populated of the Central American Republics.
5. What is the origin of cork?
6. What is the meaning of epicopal?

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## CHESS PROBLEM

By J. MOLLER  
Black, 5 pieces.

White, 6 pieces.  
White to play and mate in three.  
Solution to yesterday's problem:  
1. Kt. to a3; 2. Q. to R4 (ch); 3. R. to e2.



## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

To Finesse Or Not, That's the Question

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY

0043	von Zedtwitz
AKQJ	N 72
QJ1003	E 76432
803	S AK85
AKQJ	W 76432
KQ10	D 76432
42	AK
Q10	AK
100	
108	
76	
797542	
Tournament—N-S vul.	
South	West
Pass	1 ♠
Pass	4 ♠
Pass	2 ♥
Opening—♦	30

TODAY'S hand, taken from the masters team-of-four match in the national tournament, is an interesting one to analyse. The opponents of Waldemar von Zedtwitz and Lee Hazen stopped at four hearts and made only five because they did not take the heart finesse. Von Zedtwitz and Hazen arrived at a contract of six hearts, which von Zedtwitz made.

There is no real problem in the hand except to locate the Jack of hearts. I did not have a chance to discuss this hand with von Zedtwitz, as he took a plane to Hot Springs immediately after the tournament. Therefore, while his theory about the finesse may differ from mine, here is my reasoning.

With four trumps out, the expert player does not look for them to be divided two-two. He thinks that the probability of a three-one break is greater. On the first heart play the queen was playing from dummy and North won. A diamond was returned, von Zedtwitz won and led another heart, on which South played the nine. Now declarer knew that South had held at least two hearts. Where was the still-missing Jack?

Those who play "the queen over the Jack" would take the finesse of the ten-spot. Others say that the honours should be divided, and as North should have the Jack. Also, as I said before, many experts believe that in such a situation, a three-one break would be found most of the time. While I do not know which theory von Zedtwitz used, any one of them favours taking the heart finesse. He did take it, and made six hearts.

## Cortot To Play In Edinburgh

Alfred Cortot, famed French pianist, who is generally regarded as one of the greatest living exponents of Chopin, will give a series of Chopin recitals in celebration of the centenary of the Polish composer's visit to Edinburgh next year's International Festival of Music and Drama in the Scottish Capital.

The festival, under royal patronage, will last from August 22 to September 11.

The list of soloists includes Schnabel, who will play five or six Mozart concertos with three different orchestras, and Yehudi Menuhin, the violinist, who will play three recitals, principally Beethoven's works, and will also appear with the British Broadcasting Corporation's London and Scottish orchestras. The guitarist, Segovia, will also be there, and Piatigorsky, the cellist, is almost certain to appear.—Associated Press.

## Rupert and the Three Guides—51



Rupert turns to ask Beryl why she was laughing. "We Guides are supposed to be observant," she says, "and I've just remembered something. Ask if you can see the King Squirrel again and I think you'll find that pin!" The squirrel in the chestnut tree looks doubtful. "If you'll go back to where you first saw the king, I'll see if I can find him for you," he says, and disappears. So, with Janet leading, the little party hurry back to the gipsy's tree.

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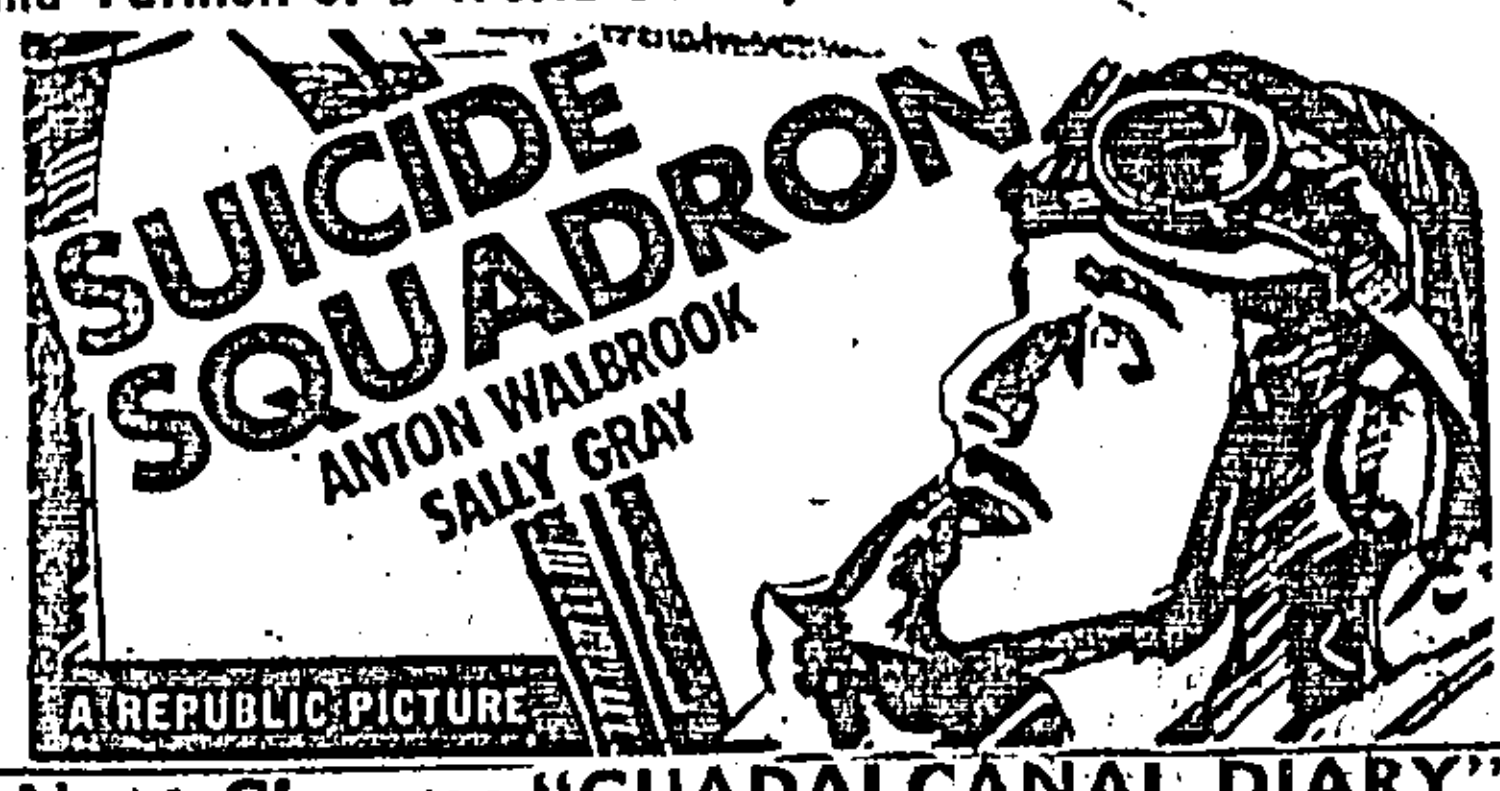
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## Yugoslavia Wants "Frozen" Gold

Yugoslavia has urged the United States in a note to speed up the release of some US\$50,000,000 worth of gold "frozen" at the start of the war. The note was delivered to the Secretary of State, Gen. George C.

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Marshall, by the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, Stanoje Simic. The gold, he said, constitutes the monetary reserve of Yugoslavia's National Bank. Its release has been under negotiation for several months.—Associated Press.



## Reprieve For Italy's Subs

Rome, Dec. 16.—Italy's fleet of submarines, which under the terms of the Italian peace treaty should have been sunk in the open sea by midnight, had an eleventh hour reprieve tonight.

The Italian Foreign Office announced this afternoon that it had been informed that the Big Four Governments had decided to grant Italy's claim for an amendment of Article 58 (C) of the peace treaty, under which all submarines afloat, except for eight to be handed over to the Big Four, were to be sunk within three months of the treaty coming into force.

Italy ended the war with 34 of the 130 submarines, with which she began, it was reported in 1945. Eighty-four were lost through Allied action—Reuter.

## ARABS CUT JEWS' WATER PIPELINE

Jerusalem, Dec. 16.—Arabs cut a pipeline carrying water supplies to Jewish settlements in the Negev Desert, southern Palestine, in 30 places during the night, Haganah, the Jewish defence force, stated today.

Three Arabs were killed in a gun near the Yarkon bridge in Tel Aviv last night, the statement added.

A Jewish armed squad in a white jeep set fire to Arab houses on the border between Jewish Tel Aviv and Arab Jaffa today, police reports said.

The Jewish Civil Guard was today taking over security duties from British police forces in the mainly Jewish areas of Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan and Petah Tikvah.

Five Arab villages with a population of 5,000 in this area will thus come under Jewish police control.

A Reuters Cairo message today quoted a newspaper report that Nokrashy Pasha, the Egyptian Premier, had told his Cabinet of an Arab League decision not to put regular Arab forces into the Palestine "fight against Zionism."

The Premier added that this attitude would be revised after the British withdrawal and in the light of the international situation then prevailing, according to the report.—Reuter.

## Allegation Of Dutch Threat

(Continued from Page 1)

their dispute. The Netherlands News Agency reported "authoritatively," answering claims that the Dutch were bringing economic pressure against the Republic. The Netherlands Government communiqué said that a resumption of normal trade relations with the Republic was "out of the question" while it encouraged "terrorisation and intimidation."

It accused the Republicans of exporting goods—"at the expense of their rightful owners"—worth £17,500,000 to raise a fighting fund.

Making the Republican plebiscite demand, Dr. Roem said that his Government considered all the Dutch East Indies, except the areas still controlled by the Republican Government, were undemocratic. The Republican would take a similar attitude, he added, if the Dutch formed a State of West Java at the request of the "United Indonesia" committee.

Reporting that the organization of The Netherlands Army was today directed towards facilitating the despatch of troops in Indonesia, The Netherlands War Minister told the Lower House of Parliament at The Hague today that the strength of the troops of The Royal Netherlands Army in the East Indies would next year average about 84,200.

The War Minister disclosed that 715 men of The Royal Netherlands Army and The Royal Netherlands Indies Army were killed between October 15, 1945, and November 15, 1947, and a further 62 were missing.

The fusion of these two armies, which have been separate and distinct for 150 years, is a first aim of the War Ministry, the Dutch Parliament was told.

Reports that the U.S. Navy transport Revville, scene of the current Dutch-Indonesian negotiations, would stay only two months in Indonesian waters were denied last night by her captain, Captain D. M. Tyree. The Netherlands News Agency reported.

The Revville would stay for "an indefinite period," Captain Tyree said.—Reuter.

## BRITISH WOMEN FLOCK TO WORK

London, Dec. 16.—Fifty thousand women took jobs in the first month of the control of engagement order—against 2,000 in previous months. And 10,000 workers left hotels, entertainment and sport to take more essential jobs. Mr. George Isaacs, Labour Minister, announced these results of the order which came into force on October 6.

Only ten men were directed but nearly 20,000 men and women who had never worked signed for jobs. More than 321,000 people were placed in new jobs. The net expansion of employment during October was 65,000—double the recent average. This included 10,000 foreign workers.—Reuter.

# CHINA EAGER TO SEE HER PEACE MOVE ADOPTED

Washington, Dec. 16.—Chinese Ambassador Dr. Wellington Koo told newsmen today that China is pressing for acceptance by other Big Four powers of China's compromise proposal for inaugurating the Japanese peace conference.

Koo's statement, followed a conference with Assistant Secretary of State Norman Armour.

China's proposal for a Pacific conference is that 11 Allies write the treaty but the Big Four of the Pacific retain their veto power. The United States and Britain are opposed to the veto.—Associated Press.

## China Not On List

Washington, Dec. 16.—The Chinese Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Wellington Koo, today paid an 80-minute call on the Assistant Secretary of State, Mr. Norman Armour, for discussion of stop-gap aid to China and the Japanese peace conference.

Dr. Koo later told reporters his country was grateful for being included in stop-gap aid.

"I hope aid to China will not stop merely with stop-gap aid," he said.

The Ambassador's remarks were made before he learned that the House Appropriations Committee had deleted China from the list of recipients of emergency aid. However,

## China Trade Regulations Criticised

Shanghai, Dec. 17.—Overseas Chinese businessmen are most anxious to see the revision of existing foreign exchange regulations by the National Government.

Mr. Albert Lee, a prominent Chinese business magnate from Boston told the China Press.

Mr. Lee is the first Chinese member of an American businessmen's trade survey group to visit postwar Japan. He is touring China before going on to Japan.

Mr. Lee said that although Overseas Chinese in the United States and South America have great potential power as far as commerce is concerned, their activities are very restricted because of the lack of co-ordination.

Many Overseas Chinese wish to establish factories in China with their own capital, employing administrative and technical personnel in order to export China's native products to foreign countries.

Hand-Made Articles

He said Americans like Chinese hand-made articles, and it is for the Chinese to supply them. However, under the present exchange regulations, not only are exports practically impossible but remittances from Overseas Chinese to the home country are discouraged.

Mr. Lee said that many Overseas Chinese want to help their country and Government as much as they can, but they would lose tremendously if they tried to export goods from China or back foreign exchange under the existing regulations.

His own firm, the Albert Lee Company of Boston, for instance, had to put up a factory in Hongkong to manufacture goods for export to the United States as he could not do it in China.

Regarding trade with Japan, Mr. Lee said that attention should be paid in a two-way trade with Japan and not merely to the importation of Japanese goods.—Reuter.

## FILM TO AID PARCELS FUND

"Colonel Blimp," specially selected by the Ladies' Committee of the "Food Parcels for Britain Fund" as the best British picture yet screened in Hongkong, will be given a special showing at the China Film Club tonight at 8 o'clock, the proceeds to be donated to the parcels for Britain fund.

Admission will be \$5 and \$3. The film has been kindly loaned by Eagle-Lion Distributors.

## Family Christmas For BAOR

London, Dec. 16.—Soldiers serving in the Rhine Army will have a "family" Christmas this year under a War Office scheme to send 127 children to the British Army of Occupation in the Rhine and Austria.

All children have been at school while their parents were living in Germany. They are aged between six and 18. Those whose fathers have years of further service in the Rhine Army and who have not been out before will have their return fares paid by the Government.

Children who do not come within this category will have their fares paid by their fathers.—Reuter.

## CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Answers

1. A Greek mathematician who lived in the third century. His elements of geometry have become classic. 2. It runs between 101 and 102 degrees. 3. In California. 4. Guatemala. 5. It is the bark which grows on the cork oak after the original bark has been stripped off. 6. Of or pertaining to—bishops or governed by bishops.

ever, there is a possibility that the House will overrule the Committee and restore the China aid provision.

Dr. Koo said his conversation with Mr. Armour left him with the impression that the United States had not completed all details of the long-range plan for aid to China, which the Secretary of State, Gen. George Marshall, has told Congressmen probably would approximate US-\$300,000,000.

## Still Hopeful

Dr. Koo said China was still hoping Russia and the United States would agree to the Chinese compromise proposal for the Japanese peace conference to be held by all nations in the Far Eastern Commission, with Big Four veto applying to decisions. He said the United States had not yet replied to this suggestion, nor had Russia responded to a suggestion along this line sent recently by China.

He confirmed reports that China was negotiating for the purchase of transport planes from the United States, but declined to reveal details. Other sources have said the Chinese seek about 150 planes. Dr. Koo, however, said negotiations were still "only preliminary," and he did not want to say any more.

His discussion with Mr. Armour, on the matter of stop-gap aid, Dr. Koo continued, was "purely for purposes of clarification."

Returning to the question of the Japanese peace conference, Dr. Koo said that if the Chinese were unable to secure Soviet-American acceptance of their compromise plan for conference procedure, then "we would have to reconsider our position very carefully."

## Major Implication

Asked whether China, in such an event, would acquiesce in the Anglo-American proposal for a conference attended by all nations who took part in the war against Japan and with decisions by a two-thirds majority and no veto, Dr. Koo said it would be necessary to consider the "implications" of such a decision.

He added that the major implication would be the possibility of Soviet boycott of the conference under that procedure. He said China must weigh the decision very carefully "because we live right out there with them."—United Press.

## China Buys Cargo Planes

Washington, Dec. 16.—China has completed a bargain purchase of 150 American cargo planes, the U.S. War Assets Administration said today.

The planes originally cost about US\$300,000 each. China bought them for US\$55,000 apiece.

They are C-40 Curtiss Commando cargo planes. At present they are stored at Walnut Ridge, Arkansas. The Chinese are undertaking to condition them there at an estimated cost of US\$4,000 each. Formal delivery is set for about January 1. It is understood China will hire American pilots to fly the aircraft to Shanghai.

The War Assets Administration said the planes were being sold at a financial sacrifice because they are not suitable for American commercial purposes.

The planes are no stranger in China. Many of them operated over the Hump flying cargo from India to China during the war. It is understood the Chinese have acquired additional planes from the Foreign Liquidation Commission.

Each plane has a cargo space of 2,600 feet, will carry 17,000 pounds and has an operational range of 1,600 miles.—Associated Press.

## New Flying Wing's First Flight

Rugby, Dec. 16.—Acclaimed as the most advanced type of research aircraft in the world, the Armstrong-Whitworth jet-propelled flying wing made its first flight in public from an airfield near here today.

The highly polished plane is powered by two Rolls-Royce engines, has a wing span of 90 feet, fully laden take-off weight of 33,000 pounds and cost £220,000 to produce.—Reuter.

## TRADE UNIONS IN SINGAPORE

London, Dec. 16.—The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, is shortly sending a mission of trade unionists to Singapore and the Malayan Union to investigate the local trade union movement.

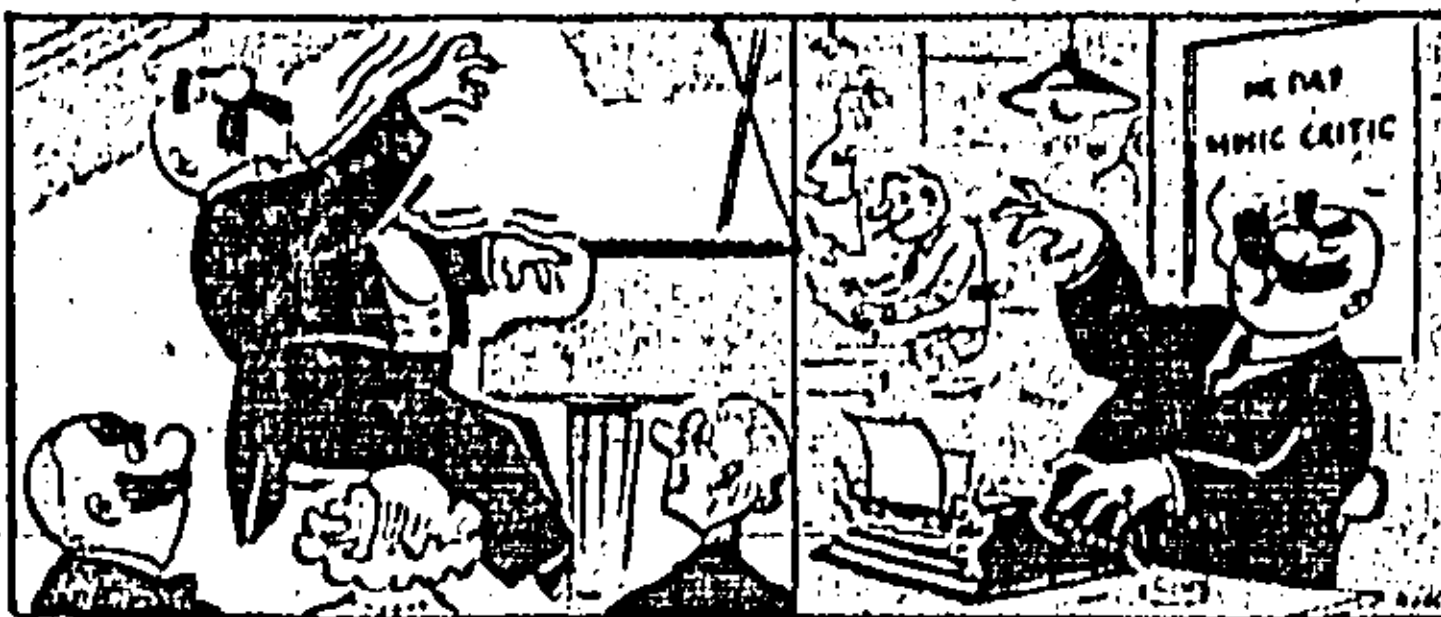
Mr. Creech Jones made this known after he had received a report from the Governors which, he said, showed that the position was "clearly quite unsatisfactory."

In a letter to Mr. J. Henderson Stewart, Liberal National Member of Parliament, who questioned him on the subject in the House of Commons, Mr. Creech Jones said that a report that certain trade unions, described as under the control of the Communist Party, "as was amply demonstrated at the time of the anti-Government demonstrations on February 15, 1946," will be gone into.—Reuter.

## Truman Message

Washington, Dec. 16.—President Truman will send his message to the Marshall plan for aid to Europe to Congress on either Thursday or Friday this week, the White House announced tonight.—Reuter.

## DAB & FLOUNDER . . . by WALTER



## Western Powers Charged With Recruiting Nazis

London, Dec. 16.—Charges that the British and American authorities were recruiting German Nazis for service abroad, particularly in South Africa and Indonesia, were made today by the Moscow Radio, quoting a report from Berlin by M. Yuri Korolkov, correspondent of Pravda.

## FU TSO-YI STUDIES FOR OFFENSIVE

Tientsin, Dec. 17.—General Fu Tso-yi, Commander-in-Chief of North China, arrived here yesterday evening from Peiping in a special train escorted by an armoured pilot train, in continuation of an inspection tour which commenced upon his assumption of office on December 2.

At a press conference later, General Fu stressed the importance of concerted military action against Chinese Reds in North China and Manchuria, but pointed out that no decision had yet been reached concerning the possible creation of a joint operations headquarters for Hsiao, Chahar and Liaoning provinces.

While reiterating the necessity of taking the military initiative during a Communist suppression campaign, General Fu Tso-yi emphasised the need for studying local conditions before deciding the future course for military action in Peiping, Tientsin and Peking.

Another important point of his statement was that the strength of the Communists in the five provinces under his command—Hsiao, Jehol, Chahar, Suiyuan and Shensi—did not reach any alarming proportions though they are scattered over numerous localities.

He explained that he was studying the requirements of various localities in military and other fields before the start of the forthcoming campaign.—Reuter.

## Ian Hamilton's Bequests

London, Dec. 16.—General Sir Ian Hamilton's will was published today. The bequests told the history of a gallant soldier who spent 75 years in the service of his country.

For Winston Churchill there was a black Buddha saved from a deserted temple at Mandalay. Hamilton's nephew received a lock of hair from Mary, Queen of Scots, and a broadsword presented to the general by an emperor of Japan.

Hamilton died last October at the age of 84. His death came only a few weeks after the people of Inverness had granted him the Freedom of the Borough.

His will disposed of some US\$302,000 in a few brisk sentences. Most of it went to his nieces and nephews.

His sentimental phrases were saved for treasured souvenirs he had gathered during five war and three campaigns.

The general's nephew received a Japanese sword which was presented to Hamilton to remind him that he was the only European in the "starvation march" of 50,000 Japanese during the Manchurian War in 1904. There was also a carpet from the King of Siam and a gold box from the King of Tibet, and a centre piece of porcelaine from the German Kaiser.—United Press.

## ESSEX REGIMENT ARRIVES HOME

Southampton, Dec. 16.—The transport Taos Victory, which reached here from Venice this morning, had on board 470 men of the 2nd Battalion of the Essex Regiment, the last British troops to leave Italy, where they had served for 15 months.

The Essex Regimental band played on the quay as the ship docked and the Battalion was welcomed home by Brigadier G. H. Wilmer, Colonel of the Regiment.

The battalion landed in France on D-Day and took part in campaigns which preceded the German collapse. After serving with the occupation forces they went to Trieste and moved to Venice in January this year.—Reuter.

## AIR CRASH NEAR WEISBADEN

Weisbaden, Dec. 16.—The American C-45 aeroplane missing from the United States Zone since yesterday was found crashed today about 25 miles south of Weisbaden. Two of the occupants, believed to be American army lieutenants, were reported killed.—Reuter.

## Colonial Move Objection

Lake Success, Dec. 16.—Australia's disclosure to the Trusteeship Council that it planned a permanent union of its trust territory of New Guinea and the adjacent colony of Papua to-day drew a "categorical objection" from China's Dr. Liu Chieh that "this change does not constitute a step forward."

The United States representative, Benjamin Gerig, also objected to the move.

W. D. Forsyth (Australia), who announced that his Government was preparing legislation to provide a constitution for the combined territories provisionally united since 1945 and to establish a permanent single administrative head, replied that the combined service was necessary as a result of wartime devastation.

The Council postponed final action on the question until the February meeting.—United Press.

## Strike Call In Sicily

Rome, Dec. 16.—The Provincial Chamber of Labour at Catania, Sicily, has declared a general strike effective at midnight tonight in a demand for unemployment relief.

The strike appears to be modelled after the general strike in Rome last week, which was called off after two days with Communists and the government disputing as to who had won.

The four Christian Democrats in the Catania Chamber voted against the strike, which calls out all workers except those in "essential services," such as bakers, hospital employees, railway workers, public utilities personnel, communications workers and dock workers unloading food ships.

There are indications that government employees will not obey the call. Catania is a city of 244,000.

Employees of the Genoa Chamber of Commerce, and some employees of the stock exchange and commercial exchanges, also struck for 36 hours in protest against a Ministry of Industry's appointment of an official.

Premier Alcide De Gasperi went before the Constituent Assembly today to speak on behalf of his new Cabinet, which now includes Moderate Labour Socialists, Republicans and Independents, as well as the own Christian Democrats.—Associated Press.

## BILLY FOX TO MEET LESNEVICH AGAIN

New York, Dec. 16.—Billy Fox, 21-year-old Philadelphia Negro, will meet the world cruiserweight champion, Gus Lesnevich, in a return bout at Madison Square Garden here on March 5, according to an announcement by Fox's manager.

He said that contracts for the bout would be signed on Thursday.

When the two fighters met last February, Lesnevich won on a knockout in the tenth round, but the young Negro has emerged a knockout winner in all his fights since then.

Lesnevich, who is 32, has been mentioned as possible next opponent to Joe Louis, world heavyweight champion.—Reuter.

## Fight Postponed

New York, Dec. 16.—World lightweight champion Ike Williams said he does not want to train during the Christmas holidays, so his bout with challenger Bob Montgomery of Philadelphia has been put off a month.

The title scrap, originally set for January 16 in Madison Square Garden, will be held on February 20 instead.

Williams won the 135 pound crown by knocking out Montgomery in Philadelphia last August.—Associated Press.

## Dazed Mexican

New York, Dec. 16.—Mexican Nava Espanza was so dazed by his two-punch 20-second knockout on Monday night that he thought he was a handier and not a fighter.

After being helped out of the ring he seized his own water bucket and climbed back into the ring with it to await the next fighter.

Espanza lost his bout to Rocco Rosano of Brooklyn in 20 seconds of the first round, the quickest main event K.O. in the history of St. Nicholas arena.—United Press.

# Big Four Breakdown Hits United Nations

Lake Success, Dec. 16.—Top United Nations diplomats today view the breakdown of the Big Four Foreign Ministers conference as a setback for the young and strife-weakened United Nations.

The diplomats maintain that the world organisation cannot really function until the Great Powers settle peace and put their signatures on the German and Japanese treaties.

United Nations observers point to the difficulty of debating important issues like selection of the Governor of Trieste, or international atomic energy control, or warfare in Indonesia, so long as the Russians and Americans and British or the French feel compelled to use such issues in their bigger battle over peace treaties.

Discussions of that sort are to resume this week. The Security Council is to discuss this afternoon the Indonesian question, the Big Five veto and procedure for inspecting trusteeship territories.

Rivalries and animosities which have blocked settlement of such questions in the past have been described almost unanimously by United Nations officials to bigger disagreement over European and Pacific peace settlements. The London failure even heightens the scepticism in some circles about apparent American-Russian harmony on Palestine, that made possible the General decision to divide the Holy Land between Jews and Arabs.—United Press.

## Molotov In Berlin

Berlin, Dec. 16.—The Russian Foreign Minister, V. M. Molotov, arrived here today, and is expected to remain in Berlin overnight due to the poor flying weather.

Molotov is on his way back to Moscow following the indefinite adjournment of the Council of Foreign Ministers, which resulted in no concrete conclusion.—United Press.

## STRIKE CALL IN SICILY

Rome, Dec. 16.—The Provincial Chamber of Labour at Catania, Sicily, has declared a general strike effective at midnight tonight in a demand for unemployment relief.

The strike appears to be modelled after the general strike in Rome last week, which was called off after two days with Communists and the government disputing as to who had won.

The four Christian Democrats in the Catania Chamber voted against the strike, which calls out all workers except those in "essential services," such as bakers, hospital employees, railway workers, public utilities personnel, communications workers and dock workers unloading food ships.

There are indications that government employees will not obey the call. Catania is a city of 244,000.

Employees of the Genoa Chamber of Commerce, and some employees of the stock exchange and commercial exchanges, also struck for 36 hours in protest against a Ministry of Industry's appointment of an official.

Premier Alcide De Gasperi went before the Constituent Assembly today to speak on behalf of his new Cabinet, which now includes Moderate Labour Socialists, Republicans and Independents, as well as the own Christian Democrats.—Associated Press.

## Ocean Test With Beer Bottles

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 16.—A Trans-Ocean Airlines DC-4 is scheduled to take off tomorrow from Oakland airport with 100 beer bottles, to be dropped into the Pacific between Oakland and Okinawa to test the durability of bottles and movement of ocean currents.

The bottles, in groups of five, will be dropped from an average altitude of 9,000 feet, with six drops planned between San Francisco and Honolulu, six between Honolulu and Wake Island and four each between Wake and Guam and Guam and Okinawa.

Each sealed bottle will contain instructions in English and several other languages for sending it back to the manufacturer, the owner of an Illinois glass company.—United Press.

## OUTWARD MAILS

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## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Closing Times By Air

Manila, P. I. 3.30 p.m.

Canton, Amoy, Shanghai, Hankow, Tientsin and Peking 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea & Train

Batavia, Sourabaya & Macassar (Sea) 3 p.m.

Manila (Sea) 1 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin & Shekhi (Sea) 1 p.m.

Canton (Train) 2 p.m.

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Hankow (Sea) 3 p.m.

Fuzhou via Keelung (Sea) 3 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin, Shekhi, Kongsmoon (Sea) 4 p.m.

Tientsin (Sea) 5 p.m.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

Closing Times By Air

Shanghai 2.30 p.m.

Bangkok, Singapore, Batavia, Colombo, Sydney and Auckland 3.30 p.m.

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Canton, Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Kweichow 3.30 p.m.

Closing Times By Sea & Train

Canton (Train) 7 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin & Shekhi (Sea) 8 a.m.

Amoy (Sea) 10 a.m.

Strait and Malacca (Sea) 10 a.m.

Macao, Tientsin & Shekhi (Sea) 1 p.m.

Canton (Train) 2 p.m.

Strait, Madras and Bombay (Sea) 3 p.m.

Macao, Tientsin, Shekhi & Kongsmoon (Sea) 4 p.m.

Canton (Sea) 5 p.m.

## TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

H.K.T. Studio: Children's Hour: 6.30. Studio: Anniversary Half Hour Presented by Monica Jackson. 7. London Relay: World Organisation: The fight against Cholera in Egypt. 7.30. Studio: "Bring Your Music" Classical Requests Programme. Presented by Marion Goss. 8.30. B.B.C. Transcription Service: Robinson Cleaver at the Organ. 9. London Relay: News. 9.10. Western Union News. 9.11. Music. 10. Dancing. 9.30. B.B.C. Transcription Service: "Beau Geste" by P.C. Wren. Episode 1. The Blue Water. 10. Excerpts from the Opera "Andrea Chénier" by Giordani. 10.20. Piano Duets by Liszt and Landoni. 10.30. Concerto. 10.45. Eugen Ormandy with the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra. 10.55. Studio: Epilogue. 11.05. Close Down.

## BBC PROGRAMME

Transmission of the General Overseas Programme which can be heard in Hongkong this evening, and everyday life. N. B. Geo tells the story of an industry that was created by science, the rayon, or as it used to be called, the artificial silk, industry. 10.15—Voice of the violin. 10.30—Music while you work. 11.00—The News. 11.10—Home news from Britain. 11.15—Forces' favourites. 12.00—From today's papers. 12.10—Interview. 12.15—Billy Talent and his dance orchestra. 12.30—The news. 12.40—Programme announcements. 12.45—London and Forum. 1.45—Think on these things. 1.50—Radio newscast. 1.55—Music. 1.55—Programme announcements. 1.55—Forces' favourites. 1.55—The news. 1.55—News analysis. 1.55—British farmer. A talk by Ralph Whitham. 1.55—17.00—Scottish half-hour.

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